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I wish everyone would quit picking on Microsoft. This latest proposal to have Microsoft remove the Internet Explorer from the desktop is ridiculous. Why does Netscape feel threatened? If Netscape had an operating system that was installed on nearly every computer in the world, don't you think THEY would have a link to Netscape Communicator on THEIR desktop? And what IS the big deal, anyway? Both browsers are free, so Netscape isn't losing any money to a competitor.

Recently, I purchased several new computer systems with Windows XP preloaded. I installed Netscape Communicator 6.2, and it promptly crashed every time I ran it. Several MONTHS after the release of XP, Netscape announced version 6.2.1, which fixed many of the bugs for XP users. It was a good thing Microsoft Internet Explorer was already tested and installed under XP, or I would have had no internet access.

If Netscape feels threatened and wants to complain, then Netscape needs to make sure future versions of Communicator function properly when newer operating systems become available. Or, they need to develop their own operating system that supports their own products.

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